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WORLD RICE CROP FORECAST

FAR ABOVE PREVIOUS RECORD

The world's largest rice crop of 1967-68 (August-July) 1/ is expected to surpass the previous record harvest of 1964-65 by 4 percent, according to the first estimate of the Foreign Agricultural Service. Growers worldwide increased rice acreage and expect to harvest record yields per acre due to generally favorable weather and further use of improved cultivation methods.

World production of rough rice in 1967-68 is forecast at a record 179 million metric tons, up 10 percent from the reduced crop of 1966-67. The previous largest harvest in 1964-65 amounted to 171.4 million tons (revised), and production during the 5 years ended 1964-65 averaged 160 million tons a year.

Prospective world acreage in rice, forecast at 235 million acres, is 2.5 percent above a year ago and 2 percent more than the previous largest acreage of 230 million acres in 1964-65. With prospective increases in all continents, the largest land increases were planned in Asia and South America, while the USSR and Eastern Europe have the largest percentage gains in acreage.

Record yields per acre are being reported for many countries. In the Northern Hemisphere, where crops have been or are being harvested, crop yields generally show a continuing upward trend as advanced production methods are applied. Also, for crops of Asia, now well along and harvested largely by the end of 1967, substantially higher yields are in prospect.

1/ Excluding Communist Asia.

RICE (rough): Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries, average 1960-61/64-65, annual 1965-66 to 1967-68 1/

Continent and Country	Acreage				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average 1960-61 to 1964-65	1965-66	1966-67 2/	1967-68 2/	Average 1960-61 to 1964-65	1965-66	1966-67 2/	1967-68 2/	Average 1960-61 to 1964-65	1965-66	1966-67 2/	1967-68 2/
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 m. t.	1,000 m. t.	1,000 m. t.	1,000 m. t.
North America:												
Mexico	342	363	408	--	1,961	2,021	2,053	--	304.2	332.7	380.0	400.0
United States	1,703	1,793	1,967	1,966	3,738	4,254	4,324	4,549	2,887.3	3,460.1	3,858.3	4,056.3
Costa Rica	132	134	138	--	1,042	1,392	1,317	--	62.4	84.6	82.4	--
El Salvador	33	33	49	55	1,979	2,330	2,249	2,405	29.6	34.9	50.0	60.0
Guatemala	26	26	29	32	1,369	1,442	1,407	1,584	16.2	17.0	18.5	23.0
Honduras	34	41	42	--	1,476	1,480	1,448	--	22.7	27.5	27.6	--
Nicaragua 3/	55	62	60	60	1,353	1,187	1,287	1,397	33.7	33.4	35.0	38.0
Panama	253	329	325	--	978	1,029	964	--	112.3	153.6	142.1	--
Cuba	240	--	--	--	1,700	--	--	--	185.0	--	--	--
Dominican Republic	206	219	215	220	1,423	1,510	1,589	1,553	133.0	150.0	155.0	155.0
Total North America	3,132	3,363	3,563	3,632	2,711	2,989	3,071	3,195	3,851.7	4,559.9	4,963.8	5,264.1
South America:												
Argentina	135	116	151	--	3,159	3,141	3,168	--	193.4	165.3	217.0	--
Bolivia	74	78	--	--	1,316	1,410	--	--	44.2	50.0	--	--
Brazil	9,242	10,400	10,600	--	1,420	1,399	1,414	--	5,951.2	6,600.0	6,800.0	--
Chile	82	78	73	--	2,440	2,316	2,684	--	90.8	71.0	88.8	--
Colombia	643	926	865	870	1,823	1,600	1,733	1,700	531.8	672.0	680.0	670.0
Ecuador	273	250	250	260	1,525	1,764	1,379	1,526	188.8	200.0	155.0	180.0
Guyana	247	337	--	--	2,000	1,897	--	--	224.0	290.0	300.0	--
Paraguay	38	40	--	--	1,950	2,040	--	--	33.6	37.0	--	--
Peru	196	173	210	--	3,562	3,923	3,780	--	317.3	307.8	360.0	--
Surinam	70	72	73	--	2,486	2,750	2,967	--	78.9	89.8	98.3	--
Uruguay	51	78	84	--	2,841	3,022	3,024	--	65.8	106.9	115.0	--
Venezuela	165	260	257	--	1,476	1,695	1,945	--	110.5	199.9	210.0	--
Total South America	11,216	12,808	13,024	14,484	1,539	1,513	1,543	1,536	7,830.3	8,789.7	9,113.6	10,089.0
Europe:												
France	77	73	69	67	3,474	2,955	3,196	3,785	121.3	97.8	100.0	115.0
Greece	49	55	43	42	3,704	4,205	4,388	4,724	82.3	104.9	85.6	90.0
Italy	299	312	327	350	4,679	3,596	4,153	4,913	634.6	508.9	616.0	780.0
Portugal	92	87	85	82	4,073	3,517	4,116	4,087	170.0	138.8	158.7	152.0
Spain	157	146	143	146	5,460	5,279	5,936	6,946	388.8	349.6	385.0	460.0
Total Western Europe	674	673	667	687	4,569	3,931	4,446	5,125	1,397.0	1,200.0	1,345.3	1,597.0
Bulgaria	32	27	30	--	2,497	2,737	3,380	--	36.2	33.5	46.0	--
Hungary	52	43	47	50	1,715	1,537	1,877	--	40.4	30.0	40.0	--
Romania	35	47	51	--	2,589	2,157	2,594	--	41.1	45.8	60.0	--
Yugoslavia	15	14	13	15	3,333	3,871	3,931	3,673	22.7	24.6	23.2	25.0
Total Eastern Europe	142	140	150	158	2,282	2,234	2,605	2,553	147.0	141.9	177.2	183.0
Total Europe	816	813	817	845	4,171	3,639	4,108	4,644	1,544.0	1,341.9	1,522.5	1,780.0
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	332	533	600	667	2,068	2,400	2,609	2,595	311.0	580.0	710.0	785.0

Africa:													
Morocco	9	9	12	13	4,033	4,411	4,592	4,577	16.5	18.0	25.0	27.0
United Arab Republic	829	1,100	1,200	1,250	4,745	3,808	3,674	4,056	1,784.2	1,900.0	2,000.0	2,300.0
Congo (Kinshasa)	130	120	--	--	915	937	--	--	54.0	51.0	--	--
Gambia	61	67	--	--	1,098	1,218	--	--	30.4	37.0	--	--
Ghana	78	106	106	107	959	844	867	879	33.8	40.6	41.7	42.7
Guinea	1,025	--	--	--	618	--	--	--	287.0	300.0	300.0	--
Ivory Coast	614	605	--	--	786	875	--	--	219.0	240.0	--	--
Malagasy Republic	1,996	1,900	--	--	1,370	1,566	--	--	1,240.0	1,350.0	1,430.0	--
Mali	442	490	480	--	893	742	915	--	179.0	165.0	200.0	--
Nigeria	500	--	--	--	1,074	--	--	--	250.0	350.0	400.0	385.0
Portuguese Guinea	138	--	--	--	1,664	--	--	--	104.0	--	--	--
Senegal	180	200	200	--	1,151	1,345	1,212	--	93.8	122.0	110.0	--
Sierra Leone	800	--	--	--	895	--	--	--	325.0	400.0	330.0	--
Tanzania 3/	204	--	--	--	1,161	--	--	--	108.0	--	--	--
Upper Volta	112	--	--	--	649	--	--	--	33.0	--	--	--
Total Africa	8,176	8,601	8,907	9,146	1,405	1,462	1,475	1,536	5,212.0	5,704.9	5,958.9	6,373.1
Asia:												
Iran	846	900	--	--	1,861	2,070	--	--	714.0	845.0	875.0	925.0
Turkey (Europe and Asia)	129	124	160	--	2,601	2,934	2,797	--	152.2	165.0	203.0	195.0
Afghanistan	524	--	--	--	2,053	--	--	--	488.0	--	--	--
Burma	12,000	11,983	11,369	--	1,456	1,482	1,425	--	7,925.0	8,055.0	7,350.0	--
Cambodia	5,731	5,391	5,073	--	952	972	992	--	2,474.8	2,376.2	2,282.5	--
Ceylon	1,239	1,216	1,307	--	1,714	1,661	1,718	--	963.1	916.0	1,018.2	--
China, Taiwan	1,905	1,935	1,945	--	3.242	3,494	3,553	--	2,801.8	3,067.1	3,135.0	--
India 3/	86,359	87,161	88,000	--	1,356	1,164	1,177	--	53,105.0	46,028.7	47,000.0	60,000.0
Indonesia	17,530	--	--	--	1,600	--	--	--	12,718.0	13,700.0	14,100.0	--
Japan 3/	8,108	8,043	8,041	8,062	4,329	4,252	4,367	4,820	15,920.0	15,511.0	15,931.2	17,628.0
Korea, South	2,837	3,035	3,043	--	3,647	3,463	3,866	--	4,693.6	4,767.4	5,336.8	--
Laos	1,600	1,600	1,300	--	1,020	989	1,057	--	740.0	740.0	623.0	--
Malaysia:												
Malaya States	816	851	900	--	2,238	2,331	2,266	--	828.5	913.9	925.0	--
Sabah (North Borneo)	89	88	--	--	1,897	1,801	--	--	76.6	71.9	--	--
Sarawak	282	275	--	--	860	965	--	--	110.0	120.4	--	--
Nepal	2,800	2,718	--	--	1,647	1,790	--	--	2,095.0	2,207.0	--	--
Pakistan 3/	24,955	26,573	25,897	27,000	1,461	1,472	1,398	1,470	16,539.0	17,742.5	16,424.4	18,000.0
Philippines	7,821	7,683	7,614	--	1,096	1,160	1,206	--	3,883.4	4,072.5	4,165.0	4,400.0
Thailand	14,735	14,726	16,995	--	1,343	1,377	1,537	--	8,960.0	9,198.9	11,845.5	10,000.0
Vietnam, South	6,054	--	--	--	1,841	--	--	--	5,055.8	--	--	--
Total Asia, excluding Communist areas 4/	197,045	200,378	201,827	205,663	1,574	1,502	1,523	1,658	140,651.5	136,481.3	139,421.0	154,637.8
Oceania:												
Australia	56	65	75	79	5,429	6,206	6,320	--	138.0	183.0	215.0	--
Fiji Islands	30	--	--	--	1,543	--	--	--	21.0	--	--	--
Total Oceania	89	93	108	122	3,963	4,765	4,838	4,373	160.0	201.0	237.0	242.0
World Total 4/	221,000	227,000	229,000	235,000	1,593	1,534	1,560	1,684	160,000.0	158,000.0	162,000.0	179,000.0

1/ Crops harvested in the Northern Hemisphere during the latter part of the year, together with those harvested in Asia from November to May, are combined with crops harvested in Southern Hemisphere during the first part of the following year. Harvested acreage is shown unless data for planted acreage only are available. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Planted acreage. 4/ Excluding Communist Asia (China, North Korea, and North Vietnam).

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Record crops are forecast for the three major producing countries of Asia--India, Pakistan and Japan. A record crop is being harvested in the Philippine Republic, a fourth major importing country. However, for Asia's exporting countries, conditions have been less favorable. A drought hindered Thailand's planting well into August. Then rains reportedly fell in time for widespread planting in major rice areas. Though the size of the acreage and prospective yields are as yet undetermined, a near-record crop is forecast. Harvests of Burma and Cambodia are expected to exceed last year's reduced output, but to again be below the average.

Italy planted its largest rice acreage in 12 years and high yields per acre are being harvested. Acreage of other Western European countries generally continued to decline below the 1960-64 average. However, much better crop conditions this year have resulted in substantially larger harvests than in 1966, except in Portugal.

The USSR and Eastern Europe, on the other hand, again increased rice acreage. With favorable conditions, these countries also have larger crops.

Estimated acreage of North America increased 2 percent over 1966, although that of the United States, the principal producer, remained at the same level. The acreage increases occurred mainly in Mexico and Central America. New record yields per acre for the countries, including the United States, are resulting in substantially larger harvests. The United States, with continuing use of improved methods, now accounts for slightly more than half of North American rice acreage and over three-fourths of its rice production.

Brazil, the major producer of South America, plans to expand rice production for export. Peru, Argentina, Ecuador and Venezuela also are increasing production this year.

Plans are being implemented for increasing rice production in several African countries. New irrigation areas are being opened and improved ways of cultivation applied. Total acreage is estimated at nearly 3 percent above 1966-67 and 12 percent more than the average. Higher yields than ever before are bringing in a record crop, forecast at 7 percent above last year.

Australia's growers increased acreage 5 percent above the preceding year's record acreage. Though the volume per acre may not reach the extraordinarily high level of the last 2 years, irrigation water is reported sufficient to ensure a large harvest.

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VOLUME OF WORLD RICE TRADE HIGH IN 1967 BUT LESS THAN 1966 DESPITE INCREASED PRODUCTION

World rice trade (volume basis) continued at a high level in calendar year 1967, but at a pace less than a year earlier, in spite of increased production.[1] Trade in 1967 declined around 4 percent from the previous year, but was 9 percent over the 1960-64 average. Although production is forecast to set a new record, world trade in 1968 is only expected to slightly exceed that of 1967. Current high prices, greater local demand in producing countries, and substitution of other grains may act as trade deterrents.

Exports. Rice exports in 1967 decreased about 4½ percent, or 330,000 metric tons from 1966 and around 10 percent, or 800,000 tons from the all time record exports of 1965. The 1967 exports, however, were 1.2 percent, or about 125,000 tons over the 1960-64 average.

During 1967, the United States replaced Thailand as the largest exporter of rice. This was due to an increase in U.S. exports (36 percent) and a decline, because of smaller production and increased domestic demand, in those of Thailand (4 percent). Other countries that showed significant increases in exports were the United Arab Republic (12 percent), Cambodia (35 percent) and Italy (92 percent). Exports from the following countries, however, declined: Brazil (83 percent), Mainland China (12 percent), Burma (41 percent), Pakistan (21 percent), Taiwan (32 percent), and Singapore (49 percent).

1/ See Foreign Agriculture Circular, Rice FR 1-68 for production statistics.

RICE (MILLED BASIS): World imports by country, calendar years 1963 through 1967 and 5-year average 1960-64

Country	1960-64 Average	1963	1964	1965	1966 1/	1967 1/
	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.
North America:						
United States	45.7	.6	1.0	30.2	6.4	.3
Canada	43.7	47.4	45.6	54.5	38.8	40.8
Mexico	5.6	3.3	2.3	14.3	12.4	.2
Total - North America	95.0	51.3	48.9	99.0	57.6	41.3
Central America:						
British Honduras	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.0	.2	-
Costa Rica	.2	.1	.3	5.1	8.4	5.0
El Salvador	2.7	2.7	.8	2.2	6.1	2.1
Guatemala	.3	.4	.2	.3	3.5	1.8
Honduras	1.6	1.7	2.2	1.5	7.9	8.1
Nicaragua	2.2	3.9	9.1	9.6	13.5	11.9
Panama	3.4	4.3	4.0	.3	-	-
Total - Central America	12.1	14.9	18.5	20.0	39.6	28.9
Bermuda and Caribbean:						
Bahamas	3.7	3.6	4.4	4.8	3.5	3.0
Barbados	8.2	8.4	7.3	8.0	7.6	7.5
Bermuda	.2	.3	.2	-	-	-
Cuba	203.5	189.8	285.5	280.0	250.0	157.0
Dominican Republic	10.8	34.2	28.4	29.2	7.0	5.0
French West Indies	13.5	12.9	14.3	9.6	8.0	7.0
Guadeloupe	(10.2)	(9.4)	(10.4)	(7.0)		
Martinique	(3.3)	(3.5)	(3.9)	(2.6)		
Haiti	.8	2.0	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	21.8	22.6	27.5	33.5	26.6	25.0
Leeward and Windward Is.	4.4	4.0	3.7	2.6	2.5	2.5
Antigua	(1.3)	(1.2)	(1.1)	(1.5)		
Dominica	(.2)	(.5)	(-)	(-)		
Grenada	(1.1)	(.9)	(.3)	(1.1)		
St. Christopher	(.3)	(-)	(1.4)	(-)		
St. Lucia	(.6)	(.5)	(.9)	(-)		
St. Vincent	(.9)	(.9)	(-)	(-)		
Netherlands Antilles	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.0	4.5
Trinidad and Tobago	28.7	27.7	29.5	31.0	31.7	30.2
Total - Bermuda and Caribbean	300.1	310.2	405.7	404.1	341.9	241.7
South America:						
Argentina	.2	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	3.0	.2	-	.3	2.3	1.5
Chile	11.5	10.3	17.4	10.2	45.3	17.7
Colombia	8.4	-	.2	.4	.4	.5
Ecuador	-	-	-	5.5	-	-
French Guiana	.8	.8	.8	.7	.5	.4
Peru	19.4	.9	48.0	95.8	53.7	59.0
Surinam	.1	.1	-	-	-	-
Venezuela	9.4	2.6	2.3	.2	.2	2/
Total-South America	52.8	14.9	68.7	113.1	102.4	79.1
Total - Western Hemisphere	460.0	391.3	541.8	636.2	541.5	391.0

RICE (MILLED BASIS): World imports by country,
calendar years 1963 through 1967 and 5-year average 1960-64--Continued

Country	1960-64 Average	1963	1964	1965	1966 1/	1967 1/
	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.
Europe:						
EEC:						
Belgium-Luxembourg	55.2	41.6	49.4	30.4	45.6	39.3
France	65.5	54.2	57.6	86.3	114.7	149.5
Germany, West	148.9	144.5	159.4	168.3	188.1	125.3
Italy	1.8	3.0	3.5	1.1	11.1	6.2
Netherlands	68.1	55.1	71.3	42.2	63.1	47.5
Total - EEC	339.5	298.4	341.2	328.3	422.6	367.8
EFTA:						
Austria	35.9	35.1	33.4	39.1	38.7	37.1
Denmark	6.3	6.7	6.2	6.6	7.0	6.4
Norway	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.8
Portugal	10.2	24.1	5.3	25.6	35.0	19.3
Sweden	12.9	9.6	10.8	11.6	11.2	12.6
Switzerland	27.9	29.9	22.6	24.8	32.0	22.6
United Kingdom	107.5	112.6	108.8	114.6	111.9	101.4
Total - EFTA	206.6	223.9	192.9	228.1	241.8	205.2
Cyprus	3.3	3.9	2.3	3.6	2.8	3.7
Finland	13.9	11.2	14.7	14.9	13.4	14.9
Greece	4.6	3.3	2.8	3.4	3.7	3.3
Iceland	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3
Ireland	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.4
Total - Western Europe	570.6	543.4	556.5	581.2	686.8	597.6
Eastern Europe: 3/						
Bulgaria	23.1	25.3	52.0	25.9	6.9	6.0
Czechoslovakia	95.8	88.2	88.8	73.1	92.0	82.0
Germany, East	52.0	30.3	26.4	40.4	62.0	55.0
Hungary	17.0	18.8	11.2	21.4	40.6	36.0
Poland	72.5	99.2	54.9	67.2	67.0	65.0
Romania	24.9	43.1	29.2	36.7	29.5	26.0
U.S.S.R.	283.0	193.6	363.1	237.9	275.4	235.0
Yugoslavia	27.4	38.9	36.9	26.4	19.5	6.2
Total - Eastern Europe	595.7	537.4	662.5	529.0	592.9	511.2
Total - All Europe	1,166.3	1,080.8	1,219.0	1,110.2	1,279.7	1,108.8
Asia:						
Aden	27.5	30.9	31.3	26.0	24.5	34.4
Arabian Peninsula St.	71.8	90.0	60.0	120.0	110.0	100.0
Brunei	6.2	4.1	8.8	7.0	9.1	8.5
Ceylon	493.8	403.0	658.0	280.1	693.2	374.1
China, Mainland	53.7	97.1	76.4	101.8	74.0	77.0
Hong Kong	402.5	412.0	409.8	370.4	366.7	420.9
India	517.5	481.1	632.8	726.4	784.2	455.2
Indonesia	1,035.4	1,070.2	948.6	210.5	301.3	600.0
Iran	10.1	6.7	3.0	13.2	28.5	8.1
Iraq	60.1	13.5	95.0	1.2	1.0	1.0
Israel	15.2	15.2	17.9	17.5	18.2	16.2
Japan	223.1	222.0	415.1	967.3	811.7	509.4
Jordan	21.5	22.6	21.3	25.6	25.1	30.0
Korea, North	122.3	136.6	151.6	171.6	121.0	126.0
Korea, South	23.5	117.2	-	-	32.0	210.0
Kuwait	10.3	22.5	28.9	49.5	46.7	48.0
Laos	29.4	38.1	41.9	26.5	9.0	18.0
Lebanon	16.7	16.3	17.0	19.4	21.6	20.0
Macau	22.5	22.1	21.0	19.9	18.5	18.0
Malaysia	632.1	754.5	596.8	504.5	311.3	376.0
Nansei and Nanpo Is.	82.4	92.2	87.7	100.2	95.0	90.0
Nepal	17.1	28.8	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	222.3	237.1	119.2	59.9	139.8	208.2
Philippines	119.2	256.0	300.2	559.6	108.0	289.4

RICE (MILLED BASIS): World imports by country,
calendar years 1963 through 1967 and 5-year average 1960-64--Continued

Country	1960-64 Average	1963	1964	1965	1966 1/	1967 1/
	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.
Asia: (Continued)						
Sabah	26.1	32.3	30.0	30.5	31.7	30.0
Sarawak	55.6	61.9	60.0	59.8	60.0	60.0
Singapore	148.0	223.0	299.0	295.7	265.7	240.0
Saudi Arabia	122.6	179.7	120.3	148.2	125.0	95.0
Syria	29.4	20.6	37.3	28.5	32.4	20.0
Taiwan	22.0	2.0	28.2	9.9	2.0	6.0
Turkey	2.3	-	9.2	.5	6.4	.8
Viet-Nam, North	11.0	9.8	17.0	21.6	20.0	20.0
Viet-Nam, South	11.7	-	-	241.9	475.0	749.0
Total - Asia	4,664.9	5,119.1	5,343.3	5,214.7	5,168.6	5,259.2
Africa:						
Algeria	4.1	.7	3.1	4.2	3.5	3.0
Angola	1.0	2.2	.8	-	-	-
Cameroon	6.7	3.5	4.2	5.9	3.6	3.5
Cape Verde	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.5
Central African Rep.	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Chao	.4	.2	.1	-	-	-
Comoro Islands	7.8	8.7	8.3	12.9	10.0	8.0
Congo (Brazzaville)	1.0	2.1	.7	.8	-	-
Congo (Leopoldville)	21.0	31.3	17.0	22.8	33.4	45.0
Dahomey	4.6	4.3	5.3	7.0	5.0	5.0
Ethiopia	1.1	2.9	1.7	1.6	7.6	7.5
French Equatorial Africa	2.3	3.9	2.1	.5	.3	.3
French Somaliland	3.2	2.8	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.0
Gabon	1.4	1.5	4.4	3.5	4.0	4.5
Gambia	9.1	8.2	9.1	6.8	9.0	7.5
Ghana	42.7	26.8	38.8	30.1	48.9	41.4
Guinea	13.0	20.0	25.0	30.0	40.0	40.0
Ivory Coast	39.2	25.6	58.1	77.9	83.2	24.1
Kenya	4.1	4.4	.7	2.1	2.0	2.0
Liberia	30.0	35.9	35.2	32.5	46.3	33.2
Libya	8.7	7.8	10.0	11.8	17.1	13.0
Malagasy	2.3	3.8	5.3	78.0	12.8	10.0
Malawi	-	-	.4	-	-	-
Mauritania	1.5	-	.1	-	-	-
Mauritius	66.1	69.7	68.1	67.2	61.0	67.0
Morocco	.7	-	-	-	-	-
Mozambique	.3	-	-	-	-	-
Niger	1.4	2.1	.9	2.3	-	-
Nigeria	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.5
Portuguese Guinea	2.7	3.1	8.2	8.5	9.0	9.0
Reunion	35.8	43.5	42.9	39.6	40.0	40.0
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	1.4	3.4	-	-	-	-
Rhodesia, South	-	-	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5
Sao Tome and Principe Is.	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.1
Senegal	119.1	100.8	184.5	179.2	159.3	145.0
Seychelles	3.9	4.1	3.5	2.6	2.5	2.5
Sierra Leone	22.0	21.2	10.9	19.0	35.1	30.0
Somali	6.1	5.9	8.1	7.8	6.5	5.0
South Africa	52.9	59.6	59.5	66.5	74.5	80.8
Sudan	4.0	4.8	5.7	4.1	4.8	4.5
Tanzania	10.0	10.6	2.1	4.0	13.6	4.6
Togo	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.9	3.7	2.9
Tunisia	3.9	2.9	.1	-	.9	.5
Uganda	3.7	3.4	3.6	9.3	8.2	8.2
Upper Volta	2.0	3.1	3.5	3.1	3.5	3.5
Zambia	2.1	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5
Total - Africa	550.7	545.1	649.9	761.0	764.6	666.7
Oceania:						
Australia	.6	.9	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.5
British W. Pacific Is.	10.5	10.1	13.4	19.7	17.9	25.0
French Pacific Is.	4.7	5.5	4.6	4.7	6.5	7.0
New Guinea	21.8	23.2	24.0	28.1	29.0	25.0
New Zealand	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.6
Trust Territories	1.5	1.4	1.6	2.9	2.0	2.3
Total - Oceania	42.4	44.7	48.2	60.7	61.2	65.4
World Total	6,884.3	7,181.0	7,802.2	7,782.8	7,815.6	7,491.1

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Less than 50 metric tons.
3/ Based on actual exports by originating countries, intra-trade on calendar year basis, and official estimates by FAO and FAS.

RICE (MILLED BASIS): World exports by country of origin, calendar years 1963 through 1967 and 5-year average 1960-64

Country of Origin	1960-64 Average	1963	1964	1965	1966 1/	1967 1/
	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.
North America:						
United States	1,064.6	1,199.9	1,329.5	1,530.9	1,335.2	1,815.4
Mexico	13.6	.2	-	-	-	-
Total - North America	1,078.2	1,200.1	1,329.5	1,530.9	1,335.2	1,815.4
Central America:						
Costa Rica	1.9	.2	.1	-	.1	-
El Salvador	1.6	1.7	2.0	3.0	6.8	13.6
Guatemala	.4	-	.7	2.5	2/	.9
Honduras	.5	.4	.2	1.8	.2	2/
Nicaragua	1.3	1.0	1.0	.2	2.1	.1
Panama	-	-	-	-	1.2	-
Total - Central America	5.7	3.3	4.0	7.5	10.4	14.6
Bermuda and Caribbean:						
Dominican Republic	1.8	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	.1	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	.1	-	.1	-	-	-
Total Bermuda and Caribbean	2.0	-	.1	-	-	-
South America:						
Argentina	14.7	14.2	6.6	42.6	46.6	34.1
Brazil	41.5	-	12.4	236.4	278.6	47.0
Chile	6.9	.1	-	-	-	-
Colombia	1.5	3.1	.2	.1	.3	4.0
Ecuador	20.8	33.8	17.1	-	22.6	-
Guyana	80.0	85.3	78.8	95.1	109.9	95.9
Surinam	19.8	21.7	14.4	21.1	20.0	14.5
Uruguay	18.0	13.6	25.8	20.6	44.9	37.3
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	49.9	63.1
Total - South America	203.2	171.8	155.3	415.9	572.8	295.9
Total - Western Hemisphere	1,289.1	1,375.2	1,488.9	1,954.3	1,918.4	2,125.9
Europe:						
EEC:						
Belgium - Luxembourg	14.7	7.8	7.2	7.8	6.0	4.6
France	13.7	5.8	2.2	10.0	6.9	39.2
Germany, West	9.1	11.4	15.4	21.7	16.3	21.4
Italy	149.0	147.1	68.6	103.2	81.2	155.8
Netherlands	23.5	18.7	18.1	17.3	16.8	17.0
Total - EEC	210.0	190.8	111.5	160.0	127.2	238.0
EFTA:						
Portugal	-	-	.6	2.9	2/	2/
Switzerland	.3	.3	.5	.5	.9	1.0
Total - EFTA	.3	.3	1.1	3.4	.9	1.0
Greece	.4	1.3	.6	4.9	25.1	9.4
Spain	55.8	41.9	68.6	84.0	57.3	109.4
Total - Western Europe	266.5	192.7	181.8	252.3	210.5	357.8
Eastern Europe: 3/						
Bulgaria	1.3	6.9	41.8	9.8	4.7	3.5
Czechoslovakia	8.8	4.0	6.9	2.1	1.7	.2
Hungary	3.7	-	.9	1.4	.5	-
U.S.S.R.	9.7	12.0	4.4	3.1	1.5	.5
Yugoslavia	.5	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Eastern Europe	24.0	22.9	54.0	16.4	8.4	4.2
Total - All Europe	290.5	215.6	235.8	268.7	218.9	362.0

RICE (MILLED BASIS): World exports by country of origin, calendar years 1963 through 1967 and 5-year average 1960-64--Continued

Country of Origin	1960-64 Average	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.	1,000 M.T.
Asia:						
Aden	18.9	17.8	19.3	18.4	10.4	10.2
Arabian Peninsula St.	2.8	-	3.1	-	-	-
Burma	1,641.5	1,707.0	1,411.4	1,347.5	1,100.0	650.0
Cambodia	311.5	373.7	365.4	471.0	172.0	223.0
Ceylon	.3	.2	-	-	-	-
China, Mainland	724.6	626.8	805.3	738.4	1,197.0	1,050.0
Hong Kong	40.8	22.8	53.6	29.3	28.7	7.4
India	1.2	2.9	2.5	3.0	2.8	4.7
Iran	2.4	-	1.8	9.2	1.4	1.6
Japan	.1	.2	.1	.3	2/	.2
Korea, North	8.4	-	5.0	43.5	72.0	75.0
Korea, South	21.4	4.6	13.3	19.0	39.9	-
Kuwait	-	-	-	25.1	14.7	20.0
Lebanon	.2	.2	.5	.1	-	-
Malaysia	85.6	142.6	42.8	51.1	30.9	19.4
Nepal	21.7	28.8	23.2	45.7	40.0	35.0
Pakistan	124.6	102.5	163.8	134.6	213.1	170.5
Philippines	.4	.1	.1	-	-	107.0
Singapore	183.2	223.4	108.7	183.5	195.7	100.0
Taiwan	77.8	119.4	127.5	257.3	177.7	122.2
Thailand	1,483.3	1,424.5	1,924.4	1,875.6	1,507.6	1,442.8
Turkey	.5	1.0	1.6	.6	2/	2.3
Viet-Nam, North	19.1	6.9	10.9	10.0	13.0	10.0
Viet-Nam, South	189.9	322.6	48.6	-	-	-
Total - Asia	4,960.2	5,128.0	5,132.9	5,263.2	4,816.9	4,051.3
Africa:						
Algeria	.9	.1	-	-	-	-
Angola	2.6	1.4	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.5
Ghana	.2	.1	-	-	-	-
Ivory Coast	-	.3	.2	-	-	-
Kenya	.3	.1	.1	.2	2/	.1
Malagasy	30.7	27.5	27.6	10.9	19.6	40.0
Malawi	-	-	1.3	-	-	-
Mali	1.9	.1	.3	-	-	-
Morocco	3.4	.8	5.3	3.7	1.3	3.9
Mozambique	2.3	7.3	.1	-	4.1	4.2
Nigeria	-	-	.1	.1	-	-
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	1.0	.5	-	-	-	-
Rhodesia, South	-	-	.2	.1	-	-
Senegal	-	-	-	.1	.6	.5
Sierra Leone	.6	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	.2	.2	.3	.4	5.2	.7
Tanzania	1.3	.1	.3	-	1.0	.3
Togo	.1	.2	-	-	-	-
Uganda	.1	-	-	.2	-	-
United Arab Republic	306.7	380.3	526.7	330.4	346.7	400.0
Zambia	1.2	.5	-	-	-	-
Total - Africa	353.5	419.5	564.6	348.0	380.0	451.2
Oceania:						
Australia	73.9	63.6	88.3	63.6	87.2	99.2
Total - Oceania	73.9	63.6	88.3	63.6	87.2	99.2
World Total	6,967.2	7,201.9	7,510.5	7,897.8	7,421.4	7,089.6

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Less than 50 metric tons.
3/ Based on actual imports by recipient countries, intra-trade on calendar year basis, and official estimates by FAO and FAS.

Imports. World imports of rice during 1967 declined nearly 4 percent, about the same as exports. The small differences in the export and import figures are due to statistical discrepancies such as lag times in recording data and shipping losses.

Asia continued as the major rice importing area. Net imports by the Asian bloc of countries increased by about 2 percent, or 90,000 tons. Those of most other areas, however, declined--Africa (13 percent), Western Europe (13 percent), Eastern Europe (14 percent), Central America and the Caribbean (30 percent).

Outlook for 1968. International rice trade volume in 1968 is expected to slightly exceed that of 1967. Although world production is forecast at about 17 million tons over 1967, the majority of the increase (about 13 million tons) is expected to be in India--a net importer of rice. It is too early to estimate the supplies available for export from Thailand and Burma, traditionally large exporters of rice, because the crop will not be harvested until December. The United States should retain its position, attained during 1967, as the leading exporter of rice. In fact, U.S. exports will likely increase, mainly because of larger supplies available for export (national rice acreage allotments are 20 percent greater than in 1967), a continuing tight international supply situation, and increasing world demand.

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WORLD RICE CROP FORECAST IS CLOSE TO RECORD

World rice production for 1968-69 (August-July), excluding Communist Asia, is forecast at 181 million metric tons in the first estimate by the Foreign Agricultural Service. This is 1.4 percent below last year's record crop, but is 13 percent above the 1960/61-1964/65 average.

World acreage in rice is forecast at 238 million acres, about 1 percent above last year's record. With prospective increases in all countries except South America, the largest land increased was planned in Asia, although North America has the largest percentage gain in acreage.

Record yields per acre are being reported in all areas except Asia, where yields in some major producing areas are below last year's level.

Total production in the Asian countries other than India is expected to be a third record crop. Asia's major exporting countries of Thailand, Burma, and Cambodia all have larger production than last year. The Philippine Republic, another major exporter, is harvesting what is expected to be a record crop. India, which produces 37 percent of free Asia's rice, is expected to have a 7 percent decline from last year's record, but is still their third highest producing year.

In Western Europe, yield is down from last year, but production rose 1.4 percent due primarily to a 3.9 percent increase in acreage.

Production of the USSR increased markedly over the preceding year as the result of record acreage and yield. Eastern Europe increased acreage by 3.9 percent over 1967-1968, but production decreased 2.2 percent due to inclimate weather.

RICE (rough): Acreage, yield per acre, and production in specified countries, average 1960-61/64-65, annual 1966-67 to 1968-69 1/

Continent and country	Acreage				Yield per acre				Production			
	Average 1960-61 to 1964-65	1966-67	1967-68 2/	1968-69 2/	Average 1960-61 to 1964-65	1966-67	1967-68 2/	1968-69 2/	Average 1960-61 to 1964-65	1966-67	1967-68 2/	1968-69 2/
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 m. t.	1,000 m. t.	1,000 m. t.	1,000 m. t.
North America:												
Mexico	342	408	412	412	1,961	2,107	2,301	2,435	304.2	390.0	430.0	455.0
United States	1,703	1,967	1,970	2,360	3,738	4,324	4,550	4,560	2,887.3	3,858.3	4,066.4	4,849.0
Costa Rica	132	138	148	--	1,042	1,297	1,297	--	62.4	81.0	87.0	--
El Salvador	33	49	65	--	1,979	2,269	2,106	--	29.6	46.8	66.0	78.0
Guatemala	26	29	34	--	1,369	1,407	1,491	--	16.2	18.0	23.0	26.0
Honduras	34	42	42	--	1,476	1,207	1,305	--	22.7	23.0	24.9	--
Nicaragua 3/	55	60	67	67	1,353	2,056	1,970	2,134	33.7	56.0	60.0	65.0
Panama	253	325	320	--	978	950	1,040	--	112.3	140.1	151.0	160.0
Cuba	240	--	--	--	1,700	--	--	--	185.0	--	--	--
Dominican Republic	206	220	220	--	1,423	1,782	1,473	--	133.0	178.0	147.0	--
Total North America	3,132	3,568	3,641	4,047	2,711	3,092	3,192	3,345	3,851.7	5,005.5	5,272.1	6,106.8
South America:												
Argentina	135	151	177	--	3,159	3,182	3,524	--	193.4	217.0	282.9	--
Bolivia	74	82	--	--	1,316	1,693	--	--	44.2	63.0	--	--
Brazil	9,242	10,625	12,000	--	1,420	1,266	1,231	--	5,951.2	6,100.0	6,700.0	--
Chile	82	73	80	--	2,440	2,684	2,563	--	90.8	88.8	93.0	--
Colombia	643	865	741	679	1,823	1,733	2,038	2,370	531.8	680.0	685.0	730.0
Ecuador	273	247	260	--	1,525	1,623	1,314	--	188.8	182.0	155.0	--
Guyana	247	340	--	--	2,000	1,945	--	--	224.0	300.0	--	--
Paraguay	38	41	--	--	1,950	2,044	--	--	33.6	38.0	--	--
Peru	196	206	124	--	3,562	4,112	4,000	--	317.3	405.0	225.2	--
Surinam	70	73	--	--	2,486	2,967	--	--	78.9	98.3	--	--
Uruguay	51	84	76	--	2,841	3,035	3,018	--	65.8	115.6	104.1	--
Venezuela	165	257	343	--	1,476	1,945	1,876	--	110.5	210.0	292.0	295.0
Total South America	11,216	13,044	14,342	14,363	1,539	1,436	1,399	1,415	7,830.3	8,497.7	9,036.2	9,216.0
Europe:												
France	77	69	65	63	3,474	3,196	3,945	4,200	121.3	100.0	116.3	120.0
Greece	49	43	44	--	3,704	4,388	4,565	--	82.3	85.6	91.2	--
Italy	299	327	355	383	4,679	4,187	4,695	4,317	634.6	621.0	756.0	750.0
Portugal	92	86	82	84	4,073	3,949	3,952	4,015	170.0	154.0	147.0	153.0
Spain	157	143	146	146	5,460	5,781	5,542	5,890	388.8	375.0	367.0	390.0
Total Western Europe	674	668	692	719	4,569	4,407	4,707	4,593	1,397.0	1,335.6	1,477.5	1,498.0
Bulgaria	32	30	30	--	2,497	3,527	3,820	--	36.2	48.0	52.0	--
Hungary	52	47	50	49	1,715	1,453	1,500	--	40.4	31.0	34.0	--
Romania	35	49	52	--	2,589	2,518	2,962	--	41.1	56.0	70.0	--
Yugoslavia	15	13	11	13	3,333	3,931	4,048	4,022	22.7	23.0	20.2	24.0
Total Eastern Europe	142	143	152	158	2,282	2,559	2,634	2,511	147.0	166.2	184.2	180.0
Total Europe	816	816	844	877	4,171	4,056	4,341	4,218	1,544.0	1,501.8	1,661.7	1,678.0
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	332	600	682	724	2,068	2,352	2,598	2,676	311.0	640.0	804.0	879.0

Africa:												
Morocco	9	12	11	18	4,033	3,483	5,464	4,596	16.5	19.0	27.3	40.0
United Arab Republic	829	1,200	1,250	1,250	4,745	3,674	4,056	4,145	1,784.2	2,000.0	2,300.0	2,350.0
Congo (Kinshasa)	130	133	--	--	915	945	--	--	54.0	57.0	--	--
Gambia	61	67	--	--	1,098	1,218	--	--	30.4	37.0	--	--
Ghana	78	65	88	92	959	985	1,061	959	33.8	29.0	42.5	40.0
Guinea	1,025	--	--	--	618	--	--	--	287.0	315.0	330.0	--
Ivory Coast	614	--	--	--	786	--	--	--	219.0	274.0	340.0	--
Malagasy Republic	1,996	2,050	1,946	--	1,370	1,538	1,658	--	1,240.0	1,430.0	1,464.0	--
Mali	442	417	400	--	893	837	772	--	179.0	158.4	140.0	--
Nigeria	500	--	--	--	1,074	--	--	--	250.0	406.4	391.0	376.0
Portuguese Guinea	138	--	--	--	1,664	--	--	--	104.0	--	--	--
Senegal	180	200	200	--	1,151	1,375	1,045	--	93.8	125.0	95.0	--
Sierra Leone	800	--	--	--	895	--	--	--	325.0	390.0	400.0	--
Tanzania 3/	204	--	--	--	1,161	--	--	--	108.0	110.0	115.0	--
Upper Volta	112	--	--	--	649	--	--	--	33.0	--	--	--
Total Africa	8,176	8,765	8,866	8,909	1,405	1,511	1,598	1,605	5,212.0	6,006.9	6,426.9	6,488.1
Asia:												
Iran	846	930	--	--	1,861	2,074	--	--	714.0	875.0	954.0	1,000.0
Turkey (Europe and Asia)	129	160	160	--	2,601	2,797	2,688	--	152.2	203.0	195.2	172.7
Afghanistan	524	--	--	--	2,053	--	--	--	488.0	--	--	--
Burma	12,000	12,328	12,490	--	1,456	1,168	1,362	--	7,925.0	6,637.0	7,719.0	--
Cambodia	5,731	6,212	--	--	952	872	--	--	2,474.8	2,457.0	--	--
Ceylon	1,239	1,307	1,566	1,657	1,714	1,609	1,614	1,785	963.1	954.0	1,147.0	1,342.0
China, Taiwan	1,905	1,945	1,944	--	3,242	3,553	3,613	--	2,801.8	3,135.0	3,186.0	--
India 3/	86,359	87,927	89,000	--	1,356	1,146	1,523	--	53,105.0	45,707.0	61,500.0	57,000.0
Indonesia	17,530	--	--	--	1,600	--	--	--	12,718.0	14,000.0	15,260.0	--
Japan 3/	8,108	8,041	8,063	8,105	4,329	4,368	4,939	4,860	15,920.0	15,931.2	18,063.7	17,868.7
Korea, South	2,837	3,068	3,052	--	3,647	3,866	3,544	--	4,693.0	5,336.7	4,906.0	4,493.0
Laos	1,600	1,330	--	--	1,020	989	--	--	740.0	623.0	--	--
Malaysia:												
Malaya States	816	904	1,106	--	2,238	2,111	2,003	--	828.5	865.7	1,004.7	--
Sabah (North Borneo)	89	--	--	--	1,897	--	--	--	76.6	--	--	--
Sarawak	282	277	--	--	860	769	--	--	110.0	96.6	--	--
Nepal	2,800	2,717	2,766	--	1,647	1,628	1,767	--	2,095.0	2,007.0	2,217.0	--
Pakistan 3/	24,955	25,897	27,945	28,450	1,467	1,398	1,501	1,478	16,539.0	16,424.4	19,024.0	18,994.0
Philippines	7,821	7,614	7,820	7,904	1,096	1,206	1,236	1,313	3,883.4	4,165.0	4,372.0	4,700.0
Thailand	14,735	16,995	16,542	--	1,343	1,743	1,493	--	8,960.0	13,500.0	11,200.0	12,000.0
Vietnam, South	6,054	5,671	--	--	1,841	1,686	--	--	5,055.8	4,336.0	--	--
Total Asia, excl. Communist areas 4/	197,045	204,252	207,223	208,946	1,574	1,492	1,701	1,647	140,651.5	138,285.0	159,901.4	156,071.2
Oceania:												
Australia	56	74	76	84	5,429	6,378	6,394	--	138.0	214.0	221.4	--
Fiji Islands	30	--	--	--	1,543	--	--	--	21.0	--	--	--
Total Oceania	89	107	109	117	3,963	4,860	4,921	5,033	160.0	235.9	243.3	266.8
World Total 4/	221,000	231,000	236,000	238,000	1,593	1,528	1,714	1,675	160,000.0	160,000.0	183,000.0	181,000.0

1/ Crops harvested in the Northern Hemisphere during the latter part of the year, together with those harvested in Asia from November to May, are combined with crops harvested in Southern Hemisphere during the first part of the following year. Harvested acreage is shown unless data for planted acreage only are available. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Planted acreage. 4/ Excluding Communist Asia (China, North Korea, and North Vietnam).

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Estimated acreage of North America increased by 11 percent over 1967, due mainly to a 20 percent acreage increase in the United States, the principal producer. With this increased acreage and also better yields, total North American production increased by 16 percent.

The outlook in South America is for a good harvest, except in Chile, where a severe drought is expected to cut production by about 40 percent. Total production is expected to be up 2 percent.

African production set a new record by nearly 1 percent above last year's previous high. Crops increased in main producing countries as UAR (Egypt), Sierra Leone, and Guinea.

Australia continued to expand its rice production and is expected to have its eighth consecutive record harvest in 1968-69 as a result of an 11 percent increase in acreage.